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Technical Cooperation in Railway Sector
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation of the Kingdom of Sweden on Technical Cooperation in Railway Sector recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the area identified in the MoU for cooperation in Railway sector;

(c) the terms and conditions of the said MoU; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote efficiency in railways?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Ministry of Railways, Government of India and the Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation of the Kingdom of Sweden on Technical Cooperation in Rail Sector on 15th February 2016. The areas identified for cooperation in the MoU include:- (i) Benchmark Railways policy development, regulations, organization and specific characteristics for each country; (ii) Exchange of knowledge, technical expertise, innovation, technology, sustainable solutions and research ;
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(iii) Other cooperation projects agreed such as freight operations in cold regions, tilting coaches / trains, capacity allocation (time tabling) and optimization of maintenance and improved freight/combination traffic solutions and (iv) training and continuing education programme in reliability and maintenance of rail transport system for Railway engineers and managers.

(c): The MoU provides for a cooperation through expert meetings, information exchange and implementation of jointly agreed cooperation projects.
(d): Improvement of efficiency on Indian Railways is an ongoing process achieved through various measures including operational improvements, technological upgradation, modernization, augmentation of infrastructure (fixed & moving assets), adoption of Information Technology in different areas of Railways working etc.
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